



Siletz Bay Paddle Tours

Guided Paddle Trips with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Summer 2018

Interested in getting on the water this summer?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites you to explore Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge with a guided paddle trip between June and August. These roughly two-hour trips will take visitors through the heart of Siletz Bay, all the while learning about the Refuge's wildlife and natural history from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Interpreters.

Siletz Bay is one of numerous estuaries located along the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway. On either side of Highway 101, starchy skeleton trees jut forth from the estuary and are reminiscent of a time when the salt marsh was diked for pasture. Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, and occasionally Bald Eagle can be seen roosting at the top of these snags. A variety of estuarine-dependent birds including Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, and some species of waterfowl can be seen foraging in the tidal waters. Songbird choruses accompany paddlers throughout their trip, including Purple Martin, Song Sparrow, Marsh and Pacific Wren, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, and Cedar Waxwing.

These paddles are free for the public but registration is required. Registration instructions are below. The Bay often experiences unpredictable winds and waves, and for this reason the paddle is not recommended for beginners.

**Join us on a guided paddle to experience Siletz Bay National Wildlife
Refuge from a new vantage point!**



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Registration Instructions:

If you would like to register for a Guided Paddle Tour at Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge, please complete the following steps. **Please note:** experience is recommended for this paddle due to the potential for high winds and rough water.

1. **Choose a date** from those listed below. Please note: they will fill up quickly. Have a back-up date in case.
2. **Call or Email** using the contact information listed below. Be prepared with the date, number of boats in your party, and personal contact information for our records.
3. **We do not provide boats.** If you have a personal non-motorized boat, you may use that. If you need to rent one, there are many rental shops in the surrounding area. A few suggestions for canoe and kayak rental are listed below.
4. You will receive a confirmation email from the address below when you are registered.

Registration Contact Information:

Lila Bowen

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Siletz Bay Refuge Guided Paddle Tour Dates:

July

Sun. July 1 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Mon. July 9 9:45 – 11:45 am
Tues. July 17 4:45 – 6:45 pm
Tues. July 31 4:00 – 6:00 pm

August

Thur. August 2 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Wed. August 15 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Sat. August 18 7:00 – 9:00 am
Sun. August 19 8:00 – 10:00 am

Nearby Boat Rentals:

Siletz Moorage	(541) 765-2109	www.kayaksiletzbay.fun	Lincoln City
Lincoln City Surf Shop	(541) 996-7433	www.lcsurfshop.com	Lincoln City
Blue Heron Landing	(541) 994-4708	www.blueheronlanding.net	Lincoln City
Nestucca Adventures	(503) 965-0060	www.nestuccaadventures.com	Pacific City
Ossie's Surf Shop	(541) 574-4634	www.ossiessurfshop.com	Newport